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FOREWORD

THE desire to have a record of our family took possession of my mind several years ago, but it did not then occur to me that I would finally be the one to write it.

The oldest and the youngest of my three sisters had begun to collect material for such a record while they were still young women, laying away letters dealing with entries in family Bibles and scraps of history furnished from time to time by relatives, either from personal knowledge or told to them by older members of the family. "Aunt Katy" was the first to contribute details of our earlier history. This adopted Aunt had lived in Grandfather Kent's family since she was six years old and knew his father, as well as many of the older generation.

In the summer of 1931 it was borne in upon me that the start must be made at once, as time was passing. Therefore, I began an orderly arrangement of the material at hand, enlisting the aid of my sisters, Mary R. Kent and Ella Kent, in gathering such additional information as was essential to make the record as reliable as possible. They wrote many letters and consulted with such members of the family as could be reached personally. The responses to their questions were of great value and cleared up many obscure points.

It is hoped that the perusal of this record will be of as much interest to its readers as its preparation has been to me.

ARTHUR SCOTT KENT.

I

WILLIAM KENT, son of Absalom and Nancy Kent, was born in Oldtown, Maryland, October 3, 1763, and died in Ross County, Ohio, March 24, 1849. Buried at Bainbridge, Ohio.

SARAH PERRIN, daughter of Edward and Ann Perrin, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, March 24, 1770, and died in Ross County, Ohio, August 16, 1839.

WILLIAM KENT and SARAH PERRIN were married February 24, 1789, in Washington County, Pennsylvania

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND SARAH (PERRIN) KENT

Name	Date of Birth	To Whom Married
Edward	Dec. 13, 1789	Died young.
Drusilla	May 23, 1791	Ephraim Wilson.
Susannah	Mar. 25, 1793	Joseph Reeder.
Perrin	July 11, 1794	Rebecca Dill (our ancestors).
Absalom	Jan. 16, 1796	Isabel Dill.
Deborah } Rebecca } ———	Nov. 1, 1797	Died young.
Nancy	Apr. 28, 1800	Unmarried.
William	Mar. 1, 1802	No record.
Josiah Pillon	Nov. 28, 1804	Clara Poole.
Joseph B.	Feb. 14, 1806	No record.
John Kelly	Nov. 21, 1807	——— Rakestraw.
Jesse Harrison	Nov. 16, 1809	Lydia ~~Clara~~ Walker.
Sally Ann	July 11, 1811	James Blaine.
Sybil Ann	Jan. 26, 1813	Thomas Meyers.
Catherine	Dec. 12, 1814	——— Hayes.
James	Aug. 23, 1818	Died young.

II

CHILDREN OF ~~ROBERT~~ James DILL

By First Wife:

Name	Date of Birth
Matthew	Nov. 7, 1745.
Mary	May 25, 1747.
Margaret	Mar. 24, 1749.
Thomas	Dec. 1, 1751 (our ancestor).
James	Mar. 5, 1753.
William	Oct. 5, 1754.
Rebecca	Aug. 7, 1756.

By Second wife: (Jean Armstrong)

Jean	May 31, 1759.
Armstrong	Aug. 3, 1761.
John	Oct. 1, 1763.
Robert	Aug. 13, 1767.

III

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND REBECCA (HAMILTON) DILL

Name	Married Name
Mary	Reeves.
Eleanor	Wallace.
Margaret	Barr.
Jane	Harrison.
Nancy	Stockton.
Rebecca	Kent (our ancestor).
Isabel	Kent (wife of Absalom Kent).
Charlotte	Longley.
James	
Andrew	
Thomas	
John	
Robert	
Hamilton	

IV

Thomas Dill's children all reached maturity with the exception of Hamilton. So far as known, their residence at time of death was:

Name	Place of Death
Mary (Dill) Reeves	Tippecanoe County, Ind.
Eleanor (Dill) Wallace	Paris, Ill.
Margaret (Dill) Barr	Bainbridge, Ohio.
Jane (Dill) Harrison	Unknown.
Nancy (Dill) Stockton	La Fayette, Ind.
Rebecca (Dill) Kent	Warren County, Ind.
Isabel (Dill) Kent	Missouri.
Charlotte (Dill) Longley	Ohio.
James Dill	Lawrenceburg, Ind.
Andrew Dill	Chillicothe, Ohio.
Thomas Dill	Missouri.
John Dill	Newmarket, Ohio.
Robert Dill	La Fayette, Ind.
Hamilton Dill	Bainbridge, Ohio.

V

PERRIN KENT, son of William and Sarah (Perrin) Kent, was born in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1794, and died near State Line, Warren County, Indiana, January 30, 1882. Buried in Gopher Hill Cemetery.

REBECCA DILL, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Dill, was born ~~in Washing~~ ~~on County, Pennsylv~~ania, December 22, 1792, and died near State Line, Warren County, Indiana, June 9, 1863. Buried in Gopher Hill Cemetery.

PERRIN KENT and REBECCA DILL were married in Ross County, Ohio, April 17, 1818.

CHILDREN OF PERRIN AND REBECCA (DILL) KENT

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	To Whom Married
Charlotte Dill	July 12, 1819	Ross County, Ohio	Jan. 12, 1877	Ebenezer F. Lucas.
William	May 15, 1821	Ross County, Ohio	May 10, 1884	Martha J. Hitchens.
John Wallace	June 24, 1823	Ross County, Ohio	Mar. 8, 1905	Martha J. Clark. Hester A. Thomlinson. Katherine Wallace.
Sarah	May 1, 1826	Ross County, Ohio	Sept. 24, 1894	Supply Woods.
Thomas Dill	July 28, 1828	Warren County, Ind.	Feb. 14, 1874	Virginia Wallace. Harriet Vrooman.
Rebecca Dill	May 28, 1830	Warren County, Ind.	Nov. 23, 1887	Ralph D. Carmichael.
Isabel	Sept. 7, 1832	Warren County, Ind.	Mar. 31, 1910	George Warren. William P. Hannah.
Caroline	Oct. 22, 1834	Warren County, Ind.	May 3, 1910	Frank G. Du Bois.

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CATHERINE ELGIN (Aunt Katy) was born February 14, 1812, (probably in Ohio) and died in Warren County, Indiana, January 3, 1898. She was a member of Perrin Kent's family from childhood, although not legally adopted.

VI

GEORGE HITCHENS was born in Delaware and died in Chillicothe, Ohio. Dates unknown.

SARAH ENGLAND was born near Philadelphia, Pa., in 1780 and moved to Ross County, Ohio, in 1800. Died in Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana, March 12, 1864. Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

GEORGE HITCHENS and SARAH ENGLAND were married about 1805.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND SARAH (ENGLAND) HITCHENS

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	To Whom Married
Elisha	Aug. 10, 1806	Mar. 24, 1897	Mary King.
Elizabeth	Oct. 9, 1808	Jan. .., 1881	——— Armsworth.
Peter	No Record.		
Benjamin	No Record.		
Priscilla	. . . . .	. . . . .	——— De Camp.
Martha	. . . . .	. . . . .	——— Clark.
John	No Record.		
George	Sept. 22, 1824	Aug. 6, 1899	Margaret Morris.
Levin Smith	No Record.		

All born in or near Chillicothe, Ohio.

VII

WILLIAM KING was born in 1756 and died in Ross County, Ohio, August 2, 1818.

HANNAH FENNIMORE was born in New Jersey, July 19, 1765, and died in Columbus, Ohio, July 25th, 1835.

WILLIAM KING and HANNAH FENNIMORE were married about 1794. Exact date unknown.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND HANNAH (FENNIMORE) KING

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death
Charles	Jan. 8, 1795	April 2, 1842	Williamsport, Ind.
Sarah	June 8, 1796	May 20, 1864	La Fayette, Ind.
Rhoda	Nov. 28, 1797	Aug. 5, 1854	La Fayette, Ind.
Martha	Nov. 4, 1799	Feb. 28, 1834	Near Williamsport, Ind.
Jane	May 2, 1801	Sept. 7, 1842	La Fayette, Ind.
Ebenezer	Dec. 2, 1802	No Record	Anna, Ill.
George	Aug. 5, 1804	No Record	Watseka, Ill.
Mary	April 20, 1807	Aug. 19, 1879	Williamsport, Ind.

VIII

ELISHA HITCHENS was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 10, 1806, and died in Williamsport, Indiana, March 24, 1897. Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

MARY KING, daughter of William and Hannah (Fennimore) King, was born in Ohio, April 20, 1807, and died in Williamsport, Indiana, August 19, 1879. Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

ELISHA HITCHENS and MARY KING were married in Ross County, Ohio, June 11, 1826.

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND MARY (KING) HITCHENS

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	To Whom Married
Martha Jane	April 3, 1827	April 2, 1899	William Kent.
Sarah	Born and died in 1830.		
Scott Sunderland	Aug. 2, 1840	Dec. 5, 1873	Affie Avery.
Sarah Louisa	Sept. 6, 1843	May 25, 1904	Levin T. Miller.

IX

WILLIAM KENT, son of Perrin and Rebecca (Dill) Kent, was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 15, 1821, and died in Williamsport, Indiana, May 10, 1884. Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

MARTHA JANE HITCHENS, daughter of Elisha and Mary (King) Hitchens, was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 3, 1827, and died in Williamsport, Indiana, April 2, 1899. Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

WILLIAM KENT and MARTHA JANE HITCHENS were married in Williamsport, Indiana, April 6, 1847.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARTHA JANE (HITCHENS) KENT

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death	To Whom Married
William Hitchens	May 14, 1851	April 3, 1916	Omaha, Neb.	Hattie C. Rice.
Mary Rebecca	Feb. 10, 1854			Unmarried.
Gertrude	Sept. 17, 1855	Oct. 28, 1931	Detroit, Mich.	Frank W. Hurlburt.
Ella	Nov. 16, 1856			Unmarried.
Perrin Herbert	Jan. 31, 1865	Sept. 16, 1898	Toledo, Ohio	Unmarried.
Arthur Scott	March 2, 1868			Unmarried.

All born in Williamsport, Indiana.

X

WILLIAM HITCHENS KENT, son of William and Martha J. (Hitchens) Kent, was born in Williamsport, Indiana, May 14, 1851, and died in Omaha, Neb., April 3, 1916. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

HATTIE C. RICE, daughter of John and Nancy (Baldwin) Rice, was born in Corydon, Indiana, June 23, 1855, and died in Topeka, Kansas, May 10, 1931. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

WILLIAM HITCHENS KENT and HATTIE C. RICE were married in Crawfordsville, Ind., October 15, 1874.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM H. AND HATTIE (RICE) KENT

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	To Whom Married
William Rice	Oct. 9, 1875	Williamsport, Ind.	June 14, 1908	Unmarried.
Louise Breckenridge	Jan. 21, 1879	Williamsport, Ind.		Mathews Phillippi.
Mary Jane	Feb. 14, 1884	Omaha, Neb.		John R. Graham.
Marguerite Inez	April 13, 1890	Topeka, Kansas		Stuart C. Wigg.

XI

GERTRUDE KENT, daughter of William and Martha J. (Hitchens) Kent, was born in Williamsport, Indiana, September 17, 1855, and died in Detroit, Michigan, October 28, 1931. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

FRANK WESLEY HURLBURT, son of Sylvester and Louisa (Riley) Hurlburt, was born in Portage County, Ohio, January 27, 1856.

GERTRUDE KENT and FRANK WESLEY HURLBURT were married in Williamsport, Indiana, December 19, 1882.

ARTHUR KENT HURLBURT, son of Gertrude (Kent) and Frank Wesley Hurlburt, was born in Danville, Illinois, August 19, 1884.

LENA MAY JEWELL, daughter of Walter and Mary Jewell, was born near Harriston, Wellington County, Ontario, March 12, 1889.

ARTHUR KENT HURLBURT and LENA MAY JEWELL were married in Detroit, Michigan, August 28, 1916.

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR K. AND LENA (JEWELL) HURLBURT

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Arthur Kent	Dec. 14, 1918	Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.
Marjorie Jewell	June 16, 1923	Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

XII

MATHEWS PHILLIPPI, son of Martin and Katherine (Mathews) Phillippi, was born in Independence, Kansas, June 11, 1878.

LOUISE BRECKENRIDGE KENT and MATHEWS PHILLIPPI were married in Topeka, Kansas, in 1902.

CHILDREN OF LOUISE B. (KENT) AND MATHEWS PHILLIPPI

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	To Whom Married
Louise Katherine	Feb. 26, 1903	St. Joseph, Mo.	
Mary Inez	Aug. 23, 1906	Topeka, Kans.	Lowell C. Hodsdon.

JOHN ROBERT GRAHAM was born in Morgan County, Ohio, June 24, 1875.

MARY JANE KENT and JOHN ROBERT GRAHAM were married in Topeka, Kansas, January 1, 1909.

CHILDREN OF MARY J. (KENT) AND JOHN ROBERT GRAHAM

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Lucille Lillian	Sept. 6, 1915	Topeka, Kansas.
Doris Lorraine	Dec. 2, 1916	Topeka, Kansas.
Louise Elizabeth	June 21, 1918	Topeka, Kansas.

STUART CORNELIUS WIGG, son of Albert Stuart and Annie Dee Wigg, was born in London, England, July 4, 1887.

MARGUERITE INEZ KENT and STUART C. WIGG were married in Omaha, Neb., June 22, 1910.

STUART CORNELIUS WIGG, son of Marguerite (Kent) and Stuart C. Wigg, was born in Omaha, Neb., October 2, 1915.

XIII

The record in the family Bible states that William Kent was born in Oldtown, Maryland, October 3, 1763; that Sarah Perrin was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, March 24, 1770; and that William Kent and Sarah Perrin were married February 24, 1789. This marriage undoubtedly took place in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Sarah Perrin was the daughter of Edward and Ann Perrin; Ann was the daughter of William Kelly.

William Kent's name is on the Tax List of Tyrone Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1786, where he is called "young man," i. e. just come of age. He was taxed in Washington County, Penna., in 1787 and 1789; also 1791-1794 and 1796.

His name appears in a deed dated June 26, 1797, in which William Kent and Sarah, his wife, conveyed to John Johnson, Joseph Kent and John Scritchfield, of Washington Co., Pa., for a consideration of 36 Pounds, "all their part interest to a tract of land formerly the property of Edward Perrin, deceased, and being in Washington County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called Perrinsfield, containing 400 acres strict measure, granted to William Perrin by deed dated 15th of September, 1785."

William Kent was in the Revolution and was a volunteer in the Company of Militia under Captain Breen and General George Clark. He entered the service about June 1, 1781, and was discharged the latter part of December of the same year. He was drafted about three months later for one month to help finish a fort at Louisville. When his term expired, he served again for one month

as a substitute for Isaac Keller. He was granted a pension, having made declaration regarding his right on February 13, 1832, in which he stated that he was born in Maryland October 3, 1763; that he removed to Pennsylvania, thence to Ross County, Ohio, where he had resided for more than thirty years.

The following narrative, from Williams Brothers' History of Ross and Highland Counties, Ohio (1880), graphically depicts the hardships and dangers endured by our ancestor in preparing a home for himself in the West:

"Between November 10, 1793, and March 17, 1794, General Nathaniel Massie, assisted by Joseph and David Kilgore, chain carriers, and John Youkham, marker, made a survey of one thousand acres of land on Paint Creek, where R. R. Seymour now lives. This survey was made for Nathan Reeves, who gave the name to Reeves Crossing. In the spring of 1795, Reeves made a contract with William Kent, of Pennsylvania, whereby it was agreed that Kent should come to Ohio and clear forty acres of this tract and place it in condition for planting and that Reeves should give him, in payment, fifty acres of land, to be located at any point on the outside of the tract which he (Kent) should choose. In pursuance of this agreement, Kent came out alone into the wilderness with only his axe, gun and a small tent, settled himself back near the base of the hill, and went manfully to work. He cut the first tree ever cut in Paxton Township in preparation for actual settlement. For about six months of that year he worked thus alone in the great wilderness. There was not, at that date, a settler in Ross County. A bloody war with the Indian tribes was drawing to a close. But, amidst all the loneliness of such a life, the dangers of a forest infested with wolves, bears and panthers, and traversed constantly by hostile bands of Indians, William Kent persevered; and for fifty acres of woodland, worth a pitiable sum, cleared the first cornfield in Paxton."

In 1797 he removed from Pennsylvania, with his family, and settled in Ross County, Ohio, probably on the fifty-acre tract obtained from Mr. Reeves.

In 1806 and from 1808 to 1810 inclusive, he held the office of clerk and treasurer of Paxton Township. In 1813 he was elected township trustee and in 1816 "lister and house appraiser."

In 1839 his wife, Sarah, to whom he had been married for more than fifty years, died and ten years later he himself passed away.

XIV

Perrin Kent, son of William and Sarah (Perrin) Kent, was born in Pennsylvania in 1794. When about three years of age, he moved with his parents to Ross County, Ohio. In 1826 he came to Warren County, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was in Captain McElwen's Company of Ohio Militia in the War of 1812 and was granted a pension in 1871, his name being on the Roll of the Indianapolis, Indiana, Agency. (Certificate No. 1498, Department of the Interior.)

Among the papers of Isabel Kent Hannah, found after her death, was an item which had evidently been copied from an old history, which reads: "On April 17, 1818, Mr. Kent was married to Miss Rebecca Dill, who was connected with families well known in the history of the West, and a relative of General Arthur St. Clair, whose unfortunate defeat by the Indians in November, 1794, has a prominent place in the history of the Northwest." General James Dill, brother of Rebecca, married the daughter of General St. Clair and this is doubtless the relationship referred to.

For 35 consecutive years, Perrin Kent was surveyor of Warren County. In addition, he did much surveying for the government. An account of the latter work, written by himself when past 80 years of age, reads:

"I was born in Washington Co., Penn., July 11, 1794. My father moved to Ross County 17 miles west of Chillicothe on Paint Creek in 1797.

In 1826 I with my wife and 4 children came to what is now Warren Co., Ind., on the farm where (I) now reside and have lived ever since. I bought this land two years before, going to the land office at Palestine, Ill., where all the land in Range 10 was for sale, until I closed up the (transaction) under a contract with the government, in 1834.

Thos. Cunningham, now dead, Enoch Strawn, Lewis Evans, Samuel Watkins, Thos. Wright and his widowed mother, Thos. and Benj. Chiniwith, all dead, they were living on Mound Prairie. Jos. Foster and Geo. Switzer were living just out on the edge of the Grand Prairie. Came in the year 1827.

A few families were settled north of me on Pine Creek and two or three others at Independence; two or three others on Little Pine. On Big Pine two Fosters, Enoch Farmer near the mouth, a family by the name of Boggs, who built the first saw mill in Warren County shortly after I came to the County. Wm. Harrison who laid out Williamsport was at this place in 1826 and Squire Herrington.

I surveyed the towns of Williamsport and Independence.

In 1834 I took a contract from Gen. Williams, Surveyor General at St. Louis to close up the surveys in Range 10, on both sides of the state line from (one or two words missing) of the boundary line of the Harrison Purchase, a little South and West of Terre Haute, up to the Township 20 line, and from this point I closed up the surveys on the Illinois side of the state line to the Kankakee River, while Ex-Gov. Hillis of Indiana closed up the surveys to Beaver Lake,—as he had a contract to do the surveying of Fractional Range 10 in Indiana from T. 20 to Beaver Lake—and from Beaver Lake to the Kankakee. I closed up the surveys on both sides of the line. I also ran out a portion of the interior of the sections in Range 10.

I also ran out one entire township east of Beaver Lake in Range 9 and one entire township northeast of Beaver Lake in Range 9 for a Mr. Goodenough of Madison, Ind., this being in his contract. This was in the winter of 1835. In 1837, I took a contract of the Surveyor General to survey two or three counties in the southeast part of Iowa. I was at this work about seven months, and ran out two or three counties into townships and did much subdividing of the same into sections."

XV

William Kent was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 15, 1821, the son of Perrin and Rebecca (Dill) Kent. He was named for his Revolutionary Grandfather, William Kent. At the age of five he came to Indiana with his parents and lived with them on their farm near State Line, Warren County. When a young man he removed to Williamsport, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

In 1846 he established a general store in Williamsport and a grain warehouse on the river, the principal means of transportation being the Wabash River and the "side-cut" from the Wabash and Erie Canal. He bought a fleet of small steamers to carry the grain to larger river towns. One of these little steamers was named "Mary Kent" for his young daughter, then three or four years old. With the completion of the railroad in 1856, river and canal traffic rapidly declined and within a few years had practically ceased.

After the railroad was built, he opened branch grain houses in several nearby towns and a general store in Marshfield. Associated with him in his various enterprises was his father-in-law, Elisha Hitchens, the firm name being Kent & Hitchens. At Marshfield his brother, Thomas D. Kent, had charge of the store, with oversight of the grain business.

Actively interested in the construction and early history of the Toledo & Wabash Railway (now the Wabash) he was a Director of that company for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1859, and subsequently to December 31, 1864, inclusive. He was appointed

to meet Abraham Lincoln at State Line February 11, 1861, when on his way to Washington for his first inaugural.

William Kent owned considerable real estate in Williamsport and platted several subdivisions to the town.

While still in the prime of life, he met with an injury which prevented him from continuing in active work. He passed away at his home May 10, 1884, and is buried in Hillside Cemetery.

XVI

William Hitchens Kent, son of William and Martha J. (Hitchens) Kent, was born in Williamsport, Indiana, May 14, 1851. He received his early education there and then attended Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1873, subsequently receiving the degree of Master of Arts. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1873. He practiced his profession until 1876, when he went to Omaha, Neb., to engage in journalistic work. In the meantime he was married to Hattie C. Rice of Crawfordsville in 1874.

Upon his arrival in Omaha he became connected with the Evening News in the capacity of City Editor, which position he held until its suspension a few months later. Shortly after this he became a reporter on the Bee, and soon afterwards City Editor.

About 1881 his work attracted the attention of Bill Nye, who was publishing the Boomerang at Laramie, Wyoming. Nye employed him to take the editorial management of the paper and to write a column of matter each day. He remained with the Boomerang for several years, when he went to Denver and took a position as reporter, working there for a time, then going to Salt Lake City to work on the Tribune. Later he was connected with the Topeka Capitol and in 1908 returned to Omaha where he was first with the World Herald and then with the Bee, where he remained until his death, which occurred April 3, 1916.

An attempt has been made to trace the ancestry and family connections of Absalom Kent, the father of William Kent, Revolutionary soldier. According to family tradition there were three brothers, Absalom, William and Joseph, sons of Absalom and Nancy Kent. The facts concerning William (our ancestor) have already been given in Section XIII.

Absalom Kent, believed to be the brother of William, was living in Tyrone Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at the time the census of 1790 was taken, and is listed as "Head of Family." His name is on the Tax Lists of Tyrone Township for 1785 and each succeeding year to 1805, when he removed from the state.

He was in the Revolution, and from his pension papers it appears that he was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, October 16, 1752; that he was living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at the time he entered the service and that he continued to live there until 1805, when he removed to Harrison County, Ohio, where he had continued to live ever since.

Joseph Kent, the third brother, is undoubtedly the Joseph Kent whose name appears in the Census of 1790 as living in Washington County, Pennsylvania, his family consisting of 1 male over 16 years, 1 under 16 and 3 females.

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On April 13, 1802, Joseph Kent and Ann, his wife, deeded to Thomas Allison a parcel of land in Washington County containing 66 acres and being part of a tract of land called Perrinsfield, granted to William Perrin for himself and in trust for the other heirs of Edward Perrin, deceased.

In a deed dated March 13, 1807, Joseph Kent and Ann, his wife, then residing in Jefferson County, Ohio, executed a deed for land in Washington County, Pa., reading in part: "Whereas, Zachariah Rankin (deceased), late of Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., in his last will and testament, did bequeath his land to his only child, Abby Rankin, subject to his wife's dower, and whereas

Joseph Kent is married unto Ann, the widow and relict of the said Zachariah Rankin, deceased" they "Joseph Kent and Ann, his wife, of Jefferson County, Ohio" in consideration of $100 "paid by Isaac Wood, the husband of the aforesaid Abby" and $100 to be paid in 5 years, quit-claim all right, etc., to John McCalmont of Washington County, Pa., in land of Zachariah Rankin.

Zachariah Rankin (a son of William Rankin, who went to Washington County in the fall of 1773) took up a tract of land near his father's. It was surveyed in 1785 as "Black Oak Ridge," contained 337 acres and was located on Raccoon Creek. In the October following, he was bitten by a mad wolf and died three months later of hydrophobia. He was married and a daughter was born after his death. She inherited the property and became the wife of Isaac Wood. (History of Washington Co.)

Joseph Kent married the widow of Zachariah Rankin, and it may be supposed from the deed dated April 13, 1802, that she was the daughter of Edward and Ann (Kelly) Perrin, and, therefore, a sister of Sarah Perrin, who married William Kent.

While not definitely established, it is believed that Absalom Kent, father of our ancestor, William Kent, was the son of Richard Kent of Fairfax County, Virginia. It will be remembered that in his pension papers, Absalom, the brother of William, stated that he was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, October 16, 1752. Richard Kent made a will (not dated) which was approved by a court held September 19, 1759. In it he mentions his wife, Priscilla; sons William, John, Richard and Absalom; and daughters Mary Kent and Priscilla King. It seems probable that Absalom, the son of Richard Kent, was the father of the Absalom who was born in Virginia in 1752 and of William who was born in Oldtown, Md., in 1763.

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